

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-29. Canceled

30. (Currently Amended) A method for automatically providing a compressed rendition of a video program presenting (pictorial transcript) in a format suitable for electronic searching and retrieval, said method following creation of a collection of pictorial transcript representations, where each pictorial transcript representation in said collection (a) is created from an applied full motion video program that includes full-motion video and information that is, or may be converted to, text, (b) comprises segments, each of which contains a portion of said video program, and text that is derived from that portion of said information that is associated with said portion of said video program, and information about a video frame that is representative of the segment, comprising the steps of:

receiving electronic data representing a condensed version of a video program, said video program having a full motion video component and a second information-bearing media component associated therewith that is, or may be converted to text, said electronic data representation including a representative frame from each segment of the video component of the video program and a portion of said second media component associated with said segment;

automatically transforming said electronic data representation into a hypertext format to form a hypertext pictorial transcript;

recording said hypertext pictorial transcript in an electronic medium, adding to a collection of pictorial transcripts, wherein said hypertext pictorial transcript has at least one standard page layout, selectable from a plurality of standard page layouts, that includes a subset of representative frames selected by at least one criterion that reduces bandwidth;

identifying pictorial transcript representations in said collection that are responsive to a user request that includes one or more keywords;

modifying a pictorial transcript representation that was identified by said step of identifying in a manner that is sensitive to said one or more keywords; and

providing the modified pictorial transcript to said user.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim **30** where said modifying is a visual emphasis of said one or more keywords in the modified identified pictorial transcript representation.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim **30** where said modifying is a visual emphasis of the text of said segments in the modified identified pictorial transcript representation that contain said one or more keywords.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim **30** where said modifying is a visual de-emphasis of those of the segments in the modified identified pictorial transcript representation that do not contain said one or more keywords.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **30** where each of said video component comprises segments, and each segment ~~portions of said video program~~ pertains to a scene of said video program.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **30** where said information from which said text is derived is closed caption information ~~that is associated with said~~ ~~portion.~~